

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—"), as is applicable:

1-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) A printing method comprising:

receiving via a network a print command and user parameters that are to be used to select a printer, the print command and user parameters having been provided using a network browser, the user parameters including a printer location parameter and an expected print time parameter that reflects the time in which a printer is expected to complete the user's print job;

searching a plurality printers for a printer that satisfies the received user parameters;

identifying at least one candidate printer that satisfies the received user parameters;

determining in real-time the availability of the at least one candidate printer;

determining in real-time whether the user's print job can be completed in the expected print time;

selecting a printer from the at least one candidate printer; ~~and~~

providing information as to the status of the selected printer and a real-time countdown as to when the print job can be completed by the selected printer;

determining if the user would like to use the selected printer; and

if the user would like to use the selected printer, forwarding the print command to the selected printer to enable the selected printer to print a document for the user.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the selected printer is the physically closest printer to the user.

31-40. (Canceled)